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Newsletter of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

OCTOBER 1994

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## AMA Auctioned for \$373,000 Florida Church Group High Bidder

**O**n September 28, 1994, the 53-acre Augusta Military Academy property was auctioned for \$373,000. Three parcels went on the auction block because the owners, AMA Trust, had defaulted on a Crestar Bank loan on the property. Mark Callahan, an attorney for Crestar Bank, reported that AMA Trust owed \$207,000 on the loan. He estimated that the total would reach \$230,000, including interest and expenses.

The high bidder for the two largest parcels and the school buildings was Greater Ministries International Inc. of Tampa, Florida, with a bid of \$345,000. Gerald Payne, a trustee with the church group, paid the bidder's deposit of \$20,000 in cash. Payne said Greater Ministries International is a multi-denominational church group that helps the elderly and homeless. The ministry has a development called Share-Time in Tampa and another in the Cayman Islands. Payne said the organization would restore the campus and "probably use it as a home for the elderly and for ladies in distress."

Wanda Warren of Springhill, Florida (with no apparent connection to Greater Ministries) was the high bidder on the third parcel of 7.7 acres at \$28,000. She plans to build a home on the property and to operate a home-based bookkeeping business.

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## Amy de Ayora Legacy Scholarship Winner

**T**he winner of the AMA Legacy Scholarship For Children of Alumni for the 1994-95 Academic Year is Amy M. de Ayora of Merced, California. Amy started classes this fall at St. Mary's College of California and plans to become a high school teacher. She is the daughter of Michael R. de Ayora, who attended AMA from 1961-65.

Amy graduated in the top 5% of her class with a 3.71 GPA, receiving top honors in the areas of Math, English and History. She has also volunteered in her community as a Red Cross swimming instructor, youth soccer coach, Sunday School teacher, and math tutor.

Congratulations, Amy!



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## **AMA Auction**

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The sale was not finalized, however. On the day before the auction, AMA Trust transferred ownership to a new entity, AMA Corp., which then filed for bankruptcy. The last-minute transfer of the deed means the bids and deposits from the auction will be held for 45 days while the bankruptcy issue is resolved in the courts.

Callahan, the Crestar Bank attorney, filed a motion to block the bankruptcy claim, citing Virginia Law which prohibits a transaction intended to delay, hinder or defraud creditors. Doyle Culbertson, son of the current owner Cecil Culbertson, indicated that the Chapter 11 filing was an attempt to buy time to arrange additional financing. "We had people interested in providing financing, but we couldn't get it in place soon

enough," Culbertson said.

Events this summer put AMA in the news spotlight again. In late July, the Culbertsons applied to the Augusta County Board of Zoning Appeals for a special-use permit to open a military boarding school, restaurant catering service and rent the gymnasium and athletic fields.

The Culbertsons' plan was to reopen AMA by the fall of 1995 with 140 cadets from grades 7-12. Reportedly, Dr. Dean Colvard, chancellor emeritus for the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and former president of Mississippi State University was retained to design the academic program.

However, on August 3 the Board tabled the special-use request until its September 6 meeting, asking Culbertson to return then with an explicit schedule of when specific projects would be completed as part of the overall renovation. ■

## **Alumni Sue to Obtain Records**

**F**earing that the academic records of former cadets would be lost to a new owner, the AMA Alumni Association, Inc. filed suit in Augusta Circuit Court on September 12, asking the judge to order AMA Trust to grant access to the records and allow the alumni to remove them. Previous requests for the records proved unsuccessful.

The suit, filed by Robert Rhea '47 on behalf of the alumni association, contends that the financing statement between AMA Trust and the bank did not cover any academic records. The alumni association is the "logical and proper entity to receive, store and protect the academic records of former cadets of AMA," according to the suit. ■



*Please send your information for the TAPS column to our association chaplain: William E. Gray, Jr., 5840 Cameron Run Terrace, Apt. 1117, Alexandria, VA 22303. Phone: (703) 329-6745.*

**Royston Jester, III '31**, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died July 12, 1994, at age 80. After AMA, he went on to graduate from the Law School at the University of Virginia and the FBI Academy in Quantico. During World War II, he served as a special agent with the FBI in Los Angeles, Dallas, and Birmingham. He then returned to Lynchburg to practice law with his father.

Mr. Jester gave his life to public service. In 1946 he was elected to the Lynchburg City Council. In 1950 he was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for Lynchburg, a position which he held for 25 years. He also represented the city of Lynchburg and Campbell County in 1956 to the last Constitutional

Convention held in Virginia. At age 68, he was elected in 1982 to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he served until 1988.

In an editorial appearing in Lynchburg's *The News & Advance* newspaper, he was described as "an inspiration to those who would follow in his footsteps. He will be missed by a community that meant much to him."

**Frank Litton '49**, died in his sleep September 6, 1994. He lived in N. Cape May, New Jersey, and is survived by his wife of 42 years, Virginia. At AMA, Mr. Litton was co-captain of the swimming team. During his career with the U.S. Marine Corp, he served in Korea.

**Derrick Melcher**, son of Ronald P. Melcher '71, passed away at age 15, losing his battle with cancer. Ron and his family reside in Cleveland, Ohio. Memorials may be forwarded to the Derrick Melcher Bone Marrow Transplant Fund, c/o Society National Bank, 7500 Chippewa Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141.

**Taylor C. Livick**, son of Malcolm H. and Linda Roller Livick, died May 30, 1994, at age 27, in Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem, Virginia. He is survived by his parents, a sister, and three brothers. Services were held at the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church with burial in the Church cemetery. More than 20 AMA alumni attended the services.

**Thank  
You!**

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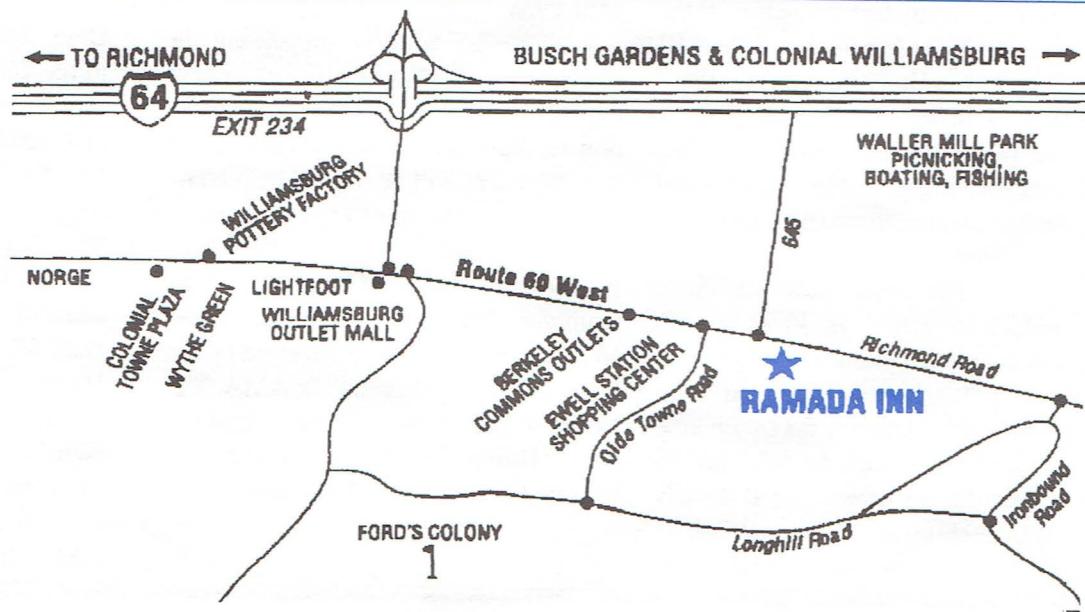
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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November 9th

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 Ramada Inn, 5351 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185, Attn: Reservations, Ref: AMA Get Together

## **Letters from AMA Alumni**

May 31, 1994

Following graduation from AMA in 1943, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent four years with them, including officer training and service in the South Pacific.

After the war, I attended Tulane University in New Orleans, where I took my four-year BA degree in Journalism and English in two years (plus summer school), editing the weekly newspaper, taking part in the drama society, working part-time, etc.

I then went to the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Madrid. I became a foreign correspondent for International News Service in Madrid. Later I returned to the U.S. and worked

in public relations in California and New York (directing off-Broadway plays at the same time), returning to Madrid in 1966 to set up the first office of Hill and Knowlton International Public Relations before taking up an offer in Great Britain in 1974.

After living for 18 years in London, I returned to Spain in 1992 to work at the World's Fair in Seville (EXPO '92), where my company handled the press and public relations for six pavillions--including part of the U.S. Pavilion, plus all the souvenir shops and special promotions at the EXPO. This meant my working 19 hours a day, seven days a week, for seven months without a day off.

I decided to stay in Madrid

permanently and have opened a communications company here (public relations, marketing and advertising).

If any of my old buddies from the Class of 1943, who happen to remember me, come to Madrid, please call me on Madrid 501-25-92. If any other AMA alumni get into trouble here or need some advice, phone me as well. I am pretty much up-to-date on tourist information, etc. as I am responsible for all the Elderhostel groups who come to Madrid.

Incidentally, I worked on both "The Bayonet" and "Recall" back in those good old days.

Sincerely,  
Robert (Bob) Guggenheimer '43  
Madrid, Spain

June 8, 1994

Some time ago I was amazed to find in my mail a copy of the "Bayonet." This was the first information regarding Augusta Military Academy received in many years. The next surprise came with the newsletter and roster of the Ad Astra members including my name.

Reading these publications brought back many memories of AMA,

especially the names of former cadets and classmates. Unfortunately TAPS has been given for so many.

Over the years I have stated numerous times how fortunate I was to have known Major Charles S. Roller, Jr. and for the opportunity to attend AMA.

Major Roller was one of two men who befriended me when I was a young boy. His personal interest, counseling and assistance contributed

immeasurably to my continued education and my future.

"Big Boy," as he was known by all cadets, was indeed a remarkable man to whom I will be eternally grateful.

Thanks to everyone for the AMA publications.

Sincerely,  
David R. Jones '33  
High Point, NC

### **Class of 1939**

Mickey Gordon had several alumni visitors to his home this summer. V.P. Leavel '39 is a past president of the alumni association and now lives in Fort Worth, Texas. He has lost 70 pounds and is preparing to enter the junior middleweight boxing class (ha! ha!). George Haw '40 is a retired attorney who resides in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. In early June he attended his 50th class reunion at Washington & Lee University. Brent

Riley '39 called Mickey with the following information. Brent was a career Army officer. Last year he attended his 50th class reunion at North Carolina State University. Brent lives in the Los Angeles area.

On September 23 Mickey saw Peter M. Madley '61 who tried to visit the AMA campus but was disappointed to find a "No Trespass" sign posted. Peter was unaware of the alumni association and vows he will tell his former roommates about our group. Peter lives in Madison, New Jersey.

### **Class of 1962**

Bill Klinck visited Rodger Morris '59 and wife, Brenda, at their business, First Break Cafe and billiard parlor. Rodger welcomes all alumni to his Sterling, Virginia fun spot.

### **Class of 1977**

George Mineff and wife, Laura, welcomed their 4th child, Mary Margaret, on June 23, 1994. The family lives in Rocky River, Ohio.

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*The Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for and about AMA alumni. Tell us what you have been doing since your days at AMA. Share your news about promotions, awards, deaths, births, marriages, and so on. Submissions should be typewritten or printed. Mail or fax the form to:

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### President's Message

Dear Alumni,

Thanks for another wonderful Reunion! The summer has come and gone and unless something changes, our school is also gone. As some of you know, the school was sold at auction in September to a group in Florida who seem not to care about the school, its history, or the Alumni Association.

As reported in this issue of *The Bayonet*, there will be a Board of Directors meeting on December 3, 1994, in Williamsburg, Virginia. At that meeting we will discuss what direction the Association should go in the future.

We have scheduled an AMA Alumni Regional Get Together to coincide with this important meeting, so make plans to join us December 2, 3, and 4. The registration form appears on page 5 of this issue. Please note that the deadline to register is November 9th, so make your hotel and dinner reservations now. An added attraction for the weekend is the Grand Illumination of Williamsburg's Historic Area to be held on Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 pm.

At this time the Association is alive and well, and planning for the 1995 Alumni Reunion is underway. The Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, Virginia, on May 5-7, 1995.

You will be interested to know that your Association has obtained possession of the two memorial plaques that graced the front arch of AMA. Doyle Culbertson, son of owner Cecil Culbertson, presented the plaques to the Association at the Board of Directors meeting held on September 12, 1994, in New Market, Virginia. We thanked the Culbertsons for their continued cooperation with the alumni.

Hope to see y'all in Williamsburg!

K. Gary Nicholson '70  
President, AMA Alumni Association